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Applicants: Warren Williamson IV et al.  
Serial No.: 09/306,448  
Filed: May 6, 1999  
Art Unit: 3738  
Examiner: P. Prebilic  
Allowance Date: December 21, 2001  
Confirmation no.: 3447  
Title: MEANS AND METHOD OF REPLACING A HEART VALVE IN A MINIMALLY INVASIVE MANNER  
Atty Docket: CVT-02

Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

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**SUBMISSION OF CORRECTED FORMAL DRAWINGS  
AND FORMAL DRAWINGS**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability dated December 21, 2001, enclosed are four (4) sheets of the formal drawings depicting Figs. 1 and 57-69. Fig. 1 has been designated as "PRIOR ART" and Figs. 57-69 have been formalized in accordance with the requirements set forth in the PTO-948 form mailed with the Office Action dated September 25, 2000. Also, Fig. 68 has

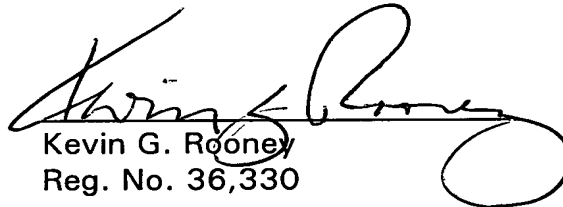
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been modified to change the lead line of reference number "2112" as indicated in red. This change adds no new matter and, therefore, approval is respectfully solicited at this time.

If there is any additional matter that may be resolved by telephone or fax, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to expedite issuance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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